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Stop treating Newark like a 'reservation for the poor'

Mayor and RNI announce revitalization of business district

by Nicol Diarra Davis

"We don't want charity, we want parity. We don't want welfare, we want workfare," said Newark Mayor Sharpe James during a breakfast meeting held last week by Renaissance Newark, Inc. (RNI).

The purpose of the meeting, led by Everett Shaw, president of RNI and Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, was to appeal to Newark's business community for support for the revitalization efforts in the City. As he discussed the state of Newark's downtown area, Mayor James invited all in attendance to "look at Newark as it is now and become a partner in shaping the way it will look tomorrow."

The Mayor told the group about a meeting he attended recently with the mayors of Secaucus and Elizabeth. According to James, Secaucus has been offered \$750 million for development efforts. The mayor of Secaucus, Hon. Anthony Iuto, says that the city can't handle any new development right now due to over crowding. Though Mayor James has attempted to turn down the funding, the money is still being forced on his city.

Commenting on how Newark could use the money and can't get any, while a city that can't use the money has an exorbitant amount forced upon it, Mayor James said, "We have our tin cup out begging and no one listens to us."

James listed other large, urban cities throughout the nation that have higher poverty and crime rates than Newark, such as Atlanta, that are able to develop and build because they are getting the financial support that they need. The Mayor noted that Atlanta has a growing business community, has hosted the Democratic Convention and will host the Olympics in its newly built sports complex. Because Newark doesn't have the support needed to expand, James said that most people wonder what reason there is to come to Newark. He said that the city is treated like a "reservation for

the poor." During a "Newark Now" message, Shaw gave reasons to come to Newark as he noted some of the City's attributes — location and demographics, accessibility to other major cities, five major colleges and universities, six major health care institutions, the state's largest public library and its most prestigious museum, the future New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the developing business community and in-town housing opportunities.

Continuing the attempts to "sell the city," the chiefs of the three downtown development corporations — Steven Kukan of Center City Development Corporation, Don Karp of Government Center Development Corporation and Henry Bleickel of Washington Commons Development Corporation — discussed the programs and revitalization efforts of their groups.

"Things are beginning to move because of RNI, Everett Shaw, and the downtown developers working together," said James. Shaw praised the Mayor, stating that the City has been lucky to have "a responsive, efficient CEO in City Hall" for the past six years.

One of the most important elements needed to further the growth of the city, said the Mayor, is transportation. He talked about Atlanta's elaborate MARTA system — which transports people from the airport to almost any place in the city they need to go — and asked for continued support of the proposed Newark-Elizabeth rail link.

"Much development depends on efficient transportation," said Shaw. "When you have the capacity to move people, developers will move in and build."

The Mayor also solicited support for a new program geared towards improving the facades of small and medium-sized businesses in the downtown area. HUD has earmarked \$2.5 million for the program.

"Broad Street and its related streets are major statements about the city and its people," said Shaw, ex-



Seated are Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Donald Karp of Government Center Development Corp, Henry Bleickel of Washington Commons Development Corp and Steven Kukan of Center City Development Corp.

plaining that it is both a source of pride for the residents and an attraction for investors. "There has never been money before for downtown. There's been money for the corridor that lead into the city, but never for downtown."

Shaw is also attempting to persuade three banks — City National, Broad National and First Fidelity — to put up \$7.5 million dollars, to complement the \$2.5 million from HUD, for the program.

"All of this is wonderful for the businesses, but look at the quality of living of our citizens," said Jacqueline Lawrence, president of the Newark NAACP. "I think we would all have to agree that housing is the number one crisis in Newark. Somewhere along the line, with all the things we're doing, we have to do something about housing."

Lawrence said that the City has "gone to the point where we have to do many things at the same time." Mayor James agreed.

"Our Renaissance is about more than mortar and bricks, it's about people," the Mayor said, assuring that the neighborhoods and downtown working together does not mean that the neighborhoods will be overlooked.

Clinton: National service is America at it's best

by Jan M. Edgerton Johnson

"He said some good things. I think he's better," commented James Lewis, a student from Shore Middle School in Piscataway. Another young voice echoed the same sentiments. Justin Byness said that he even felt that he would sign up for community service. These youth were among the thousands who were on hand at Rutgers field house to hear, in person, President Bill Clinton's major address on national service.

Upon arriving, it looked more like a rock concert than a presidential address, but there they were, thousands, lined up to see the man who jogs and eats McDonalds and



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Union members protest against Essex Dept of Citizens Services

Citing TB Epidemic and Lack of Regard for Health of Employees



David H. Weiner, President of Communications Workers of America, Local 1081, rallies union members outside Food Stamp Services Center on Broad Street in Newark in protest of Essex County Department of Citizens' Services' lack of regard for the health of welfare employees.

NEWARK—Members of the Communications Workers of America (CWA), Local 1081, protesting flagrant disregard by the Essex County Department of Citizens Services for the health of its welfare workers demonstrated outside the Food Stamp Service Center on 1015 Broad Street in Newark at noon on Monday, February 1.

The protest focused on the utter lack of meaningful response by the Department to a TB epidemic uncovered among Essex County's Division of Welfare employees. Welfare is a division of the Department of Citizens Services.

For the past two years, the Communications Workers of America, Local 1081—which represents more than 800 non-managerial employees of the Essex County Division of Welfare—fought to get the Essex County Department of Citizens Services to administer tuberculosis testing to its welfare workers. In August 1992, the county provided interdepartmental tuberculosis testing, upon request, to Division of Welfare employees at seven sites in Newark—Food Stamp Service Center, Downtown Service Center, Military Park Services, Administrative Offices, West Side Services Center, O.C.S.E. and the Invest-

igation Union, and at the Suburban Service Center in Orange. According to David H. Weiner, President of the Communications Workers of America, Local 1081, "The results were frightening—in some sites, as many as 33% of the Division of Welfare employees tested positive for tuberculosis. Those employees who tested positive were advised by the Union and by management to see their private physicians for follow-up including chest X-rays. While Department of Citizens Services Director Alan Zakind advised welfare employees that "testing results will be carefully analyzed for trends, patterns, and administrative follow-up, if necessary, no efforts to follow up have occurred some five months later."

Weiner said the union surmises that the extremely high percentage of tuberculosis found within its membership is due, in part, to offices that are too small for the client population they serve.

"Insufficient staff adds to long client waits in these buildings when sputum may be exhaled and inhaled," he said. "The buildings are old, ventilated poorly, and cleaned and maintained ineffectively with highly suspect air flow systems."

Other health issues of concern to the Union Local and its members include Video Display Terminal (VDT) Electromagnetic Emissions and a host of ergonomic concerns related to the design and use of VDT Workstations. Further concerns are the number of cases which each worker must handle and working conditions which the Union feels are causing undue and extreme stress to Division of Welfare employees.

According to Weiner, Essex County's Division of Welfare is the 8th largest welfare organization in the United States. The Division of Welfare's employees represented by the Communications Workers of America service nearly 30% of the State of New Jersey's caseload with fewer than 11% of the State's caseworkers.

"Recent dismantling of specialized units addressing the needs of particular populations such as the homeless increases the pressure on already overloaded caseworkers because they have to handle not only more cases, but more complex and time consuming cases," Weiner said. "If the specialized units must be dismantled, we should still retain specialists at each site who address those clients with special needs."

'Love Newark,' 'A City On the Rise'



Mayor Sharpe James and Milton Rosko, Jr., assistant to the general manager at Anheuser-Busch and new chairman of the "Love Newark Committee," join other members of the committee to display "Newark: A City On The Rise" banners in City Hall. Picture (L-R) are John Panella, facilities engineer at Kremenetz and Company; Joseph LaMonica, president of Penn Federal Savings Bank; Emily DeMaasi, vice president and marketing manager of Penn Federal; Rosko; Mary Jane Lund, facilities manager at Prudential; Mayor James; India Hayes, community affairs manager at Blue Cross/Blue Shield; Rick Levine, managing director of Trenchard Transport Park Associates; and Roger Donat, community affairs manager at PSE&G.

Bergen Street School renamed William H. Brown, Jr. Academy

NEWARK—Since Wednesday, February 24, 1993, the Bergen Street School has been officially known as the William H. Brown, Jr. Academy. On that date, the school was renamed in a ceremony honoring the late William H. Brown, Jr., a former principal of the school who died in 1985.

Many of the people who knew and worked with Brown during his three decades with the Newark Board of Education say the honor is fitting because of

the work Brown did for his community and the children who lived in that community.

Brown is remembered as a humanitarian who always gave of himself to help others. Executive Superintendent Eugene Campbell said, "Bill Brown touched so many lives. And he was so well-liked. Bill was always there for people. His main concern was educating the children. And he did that in his role as a teacher, administrator and principal, and

also as a neighbor."

Brown began his career with the Newark school system as a teacher in 1957. He later served as the coordinator of community affairs before becoming an Assistant Executive Superintendent in 1971. He later returned to the schools to work directly with children. He was appointed principal of the Bergen Street School in 1981. Brown passed away February 7, 1985.



Freeholder Elmer Ertl of Roselle (far left) and Freeholder Walter McLeod of Rahway (4th from right) honor Cooperative Extension volunteers (l-r) Sandra Washington, Diane Krajncik, Shabiora Washington, Tami Stockley, Schnell Gray, Mary McLeod, Grace Wolf and Sally Scheldt.

Volunteer Appreciation Reception

SCOTCH PLAINS—Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County honored approximately 250 volunteers at its Fourth Annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception, held January 22 at the Union County Vocational-

Technical Schools.

Volunteers were honored for helping the adults and youths involved in the Home Economics, Agriculture, and 4-H Youth Development Programs.

"These wonderful volunteers spend

endless hours and exert great effort to answer consumer inquiries on the garden hotline, serve as leaders at 4-H Camp and the Youths at Risk program, and more," said Freeholder Walter McLeod. "We salute them."

Students and host families sought for student exchange program

TIBURON, Ca.—The American International Youth Student Exchange Program (AIYSEP) is seeking American host families to host 25 students from high school in Europe and other foreign countries for the coming school year.

Students will arrive in the United States in late June, attend the local school and return home in late June of 1994. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school counselors in their home country and will receive medical insurance and spending money. Host families are also being sought for 25 European and other foreign students, ages 16 and 17, for a duration of 4 or 6 weeks in the upcoming summer.

American families with small children are welcome to participate in both programs. All families hosting a

student for the summer, semester and year can deduct \$50 monthly for income tax purposes.

AIYSEP is also seeking American High School Students, ages 15-19, who would like to spend a high school semester or year with a European family or to participate in a 4 or 6 week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIYSEP school counselors and educators in the local schools. Candidates who have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language can be finalists and become AIYSEP students.

Interested students and families are asked to please contact the AIYSEP International Headquarters: Office of the Director, 200 Round Hill Road, Tiburon, CA, 94920.

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who has promised to help young people reach their goals.

Today, his message was clear and his audience was receptive and enthusiastic. It was the day for young people to be seen, and heard, as the RU chant filled the house and the wave came off perfectly choreographed giving students something to do while waiting for the president.

President Clinton's entrance reflected the past years of Camelot with Ted Kennedy and Sergeant Shriver however, it included today's politicians with Governor Jim Florio and Senator Bill Bradley. Along with the audience that "our country should honor your service with new opportunities in education. National service is America at its best. National service is the American way to change America. It is rooted in the concept of community," he said.

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Nakia told the audience that she thought that she would get to ride in the President's limousine only to discover that he rode the bus with her and fellow students to listen to their concerns and discuss his plan for the future. Nakia told students that they have the power and that all talk and no action serves no purpose. She said, "...students have the mind, time, creativity and voice."

"All across the country, Americans are faced with profound challenges that demand our common attention. For those who meet these challenges, President Clinton told the audience that "our country should honor your service with new opportunities in education. National service is America at its best. National service is the American way to change America. It is rooted in the concept of community," he said.

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not money should give people a chance for higher education. Through programs such as those at Rutgers and the New Jersey Youth Corps, the President hopes to get young people involved in service with the rewards being helped with their education expense.

President Clinton said we have to reform the system of student loans at which he received a rousing applause from the student audience. He said often times the repayment plan for student loans is based on how much a student must repay without regard to the job the students is doing. This causes many students to take a job that is less rewarding but pays more. The Clinton Administration proposes to help students borrow the money they need for school and pay it back as a small percentage of their salary over time. He said this is particularly important since in the last five years the cost of education has risen dramatically. What is more alarming he said is the fact that the college drop out rate is two and one half times that of the high school rate.

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Arts-in-Education applications available

TRENTON—The New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State recently announced that applications for the 1993-1994 Artists in Education (AIE) Program are available.

The AIE residency program provides the arts as an integral part of education and enhances the existing arts programming in the school. Through this program some of New Jersey's finest professional artists in dance, theater, music/jazz, folk arts, visual arts/crafts and writing are placed

in schools, grades K-12, providing students, teachers and members of the community access to invaluable resources. Applicants may apply for special projects that focus on development of curriculum and professional development for teachers.

The deadline for receipt of applications from artists and schools is March 15, 1993.

To assist new applicants, both school/sponsors and artists, the NJSCA, the Arts Council of the Essex Area (ACEA) and Playwrights The-

atre of New Jersey are cosponsoring grants workshops at Perkins Center for the Arts, Moorestown, NJ on February 18, and at Crossroads Theater, New Brunswick, NJ on February 18. Both workshops are from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

If you wish to attend either session, or need further information, please contact Berda Rittenhouse, our Arts Education Coordinator at 609-292-6130 or write to the AIE Program, NJSCA, CH 306, North Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08625.

Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

I won't let you make me unhappy

This is the last of a series of eight columns that show you what to do to take back control of your life. I hope that you read all eight of them.

30. Refuse, with all your strength, to let anything upset you. (Don't bow to threats or ugly behavior.)

Do not allow other people to get you upset. Be strong and maintain your self-control. Do not lower yourself to the low level of the other unpleasant person. While that person is throwing tantrums, you should think, "I'm glad I'm not that childish." You can even say to the other person, "Hey, look at yourself. You're completely out of control."

31. Stop it now!

Stop saying:

"I need coke to keep me calm."

"It's so terrible that I can't control my temper."

"I just can't stand leaving alone."

"It's too hard for me to give up alcohol."

"I'll never change. I'm always a problem to society."

"I just can't help myself."

"Something just takes over my mind and I can't stop myself from doing these things."

32. Start it now!

"I don't need anything but me and my determination to do better."

"I can control any aspect of my behavior when I decide to do so."

"I have great tolerance and I refuse to let anything bother me."

"I can do anything that I want to do. It may be hard, but I can do it. I may get help, but I can do it."

"I have made a decision to change my life and I am starting right now."

"I have the power to be better and I am using that power now."

"I am the master of my mind. I don't have to act angry just because I feel anger. I will express only mature behavior from now on."

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Art teacher Bina Washington with students Brandon Goldsmith (left) and Richard...



Washington joins arts staff

MORRISTOWN—Bisa Wendy Washington has been appointed to the Fine Arts Department faculty at Morrisview-Bear School. Ms. Washington is an accomplished artist who has had both solo and group exhibits in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas, and in Nice, France. One of her works is currently on display in the Morris County Courthouse. Washington has been a museum educator at Studio Museum in Harlem, an assistant and instructor at Newark Museum, and Program Director/Cultural Enrichment Coordinator of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark. Ms. Washington holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Jersey City State College.

community Calendar

TUESDAYS thru MARCH 9

JERSEY CITY—The Fifth Leadership Training Institute of New York County Missionary Baptist Association will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more info or registration call Ms. Barbara D. Strothers, 201-375-5891, or Ida L. Rodgers, 201-434-4634.

thru MARCH 9

WAYNE—"Art. New Jersey" featuring 14 New Jersey artists will be on view in the Ben Shahn Galleries at William Paterson College from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

SATURDAYS thru MAY

ENGLEWOOD—The YOUNG/Gallies Dance Ensemble is proud to announce a creative dance workshop and training program for youths, ages 12-17, at 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students will have the opportunity to attend concerts at Lincoln Center in New York at minimum cost. For more info call YOUNG, 904-1886 or 201-665-1838.

TUESDAYS, NOW thru MAY 25

SCOTCH PLAINS—Individuals with disabilities may enjoy a day with the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation every Tuesday from 7:15 to 9:30 a.m. at the Scotch Plains branch of the YMCA, 1340 Marine Avenue, free of charge. Persons requiring assistance in either the water or the pool should bring a chaperone. For more info call 908-527-4930.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

WESTFIELD—"Abuse in the American

Family: Working Towards a Solution Through Community Networking" will be the topic of a seminar at the offices of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County in Westfield from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This course earns 6 credits toward CACOD/CADC certification or recertification. For more info, call 908-233-8810.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

ENGLEWOOD—The New Jersey Ballet Company will feature "Ballet Lake, Act II" at 8:00 p.m. at the John Harms Center. For more info, call 201-567-3600.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

SUMMIT—"The New Jersey Youth Symphony's annual Play-a-thon concert will take place at Woodbridge Center's South Court from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Play-a-thon is a fundraising event for the symphony and will feature performances by young performers during the year.

ENGLEWOOD—The New Jersey Ballet Company will perform "Sleeping Beauty" at 2:00 and 4:30 p.m. at the John Harms Center. For more info, call 201-567-3600.

MONDAY, MARCH 15

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University's College of Education and Human Resources and the Office of the Superintendent of Schools for the Arch-

diocese of Newark will hold "A Spring Break for Urban Educators" workshops from 2 to 6 p.m. Dr. Asa G. Hilliard III, a professor of urban education at Georgia State University, will give the keynote address which will focus on issues relating to urban education and what is necessary to be a successful urban educator. See story on page 9 for more information.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

PLAINFIELD—A six-session weight loss program will be offered at the Diabetes Center, 1257 Main Ave., Mulholland Regional Medical Center at 7 p.m. For more info call 688-2575.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

SUMMIT—"Codependency: Improving Your Relationships" will be the focus of a free seminar at Fair Oaks Hospital from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more info, call 908-277-9018.

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, MARCH 12 thru APRIL 3

PISCATAWAY—"Enstasy and the Polar Star" a play, will be presented at Circle Players. There will be one Sunday matinee. Tickets are \$10 and Sunday, \$8. For more info, call 908-948-7555.

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS MARCH 17 thru APRIL 2

PLAINFIELD—A six-part program addressing problems of adults who care for aging relatives will be held at the Adult Medical Day Care Center of Mulholland Regional Medical Center from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more info, call 908-685-2328.

Send community calendar event information to: City News, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, New Jersey 07061

National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

The following is a weekly summary of top national news events affecting the African-American community compiled by the National Black News Survey (NBNS).

● **Norplant program ignites moral controversy:** The growing national controversy over the Norplant birth control device reached its peak last week when the general assembly of the state's Norplant program. The expansion initiative prompted angry criticism from the NAACP and church groups charging Norplant with "racist and class engineering" designed to control the growth in black population. Specifically, Norplant is a birth control hormone which is implanted under the skin and prevents a woman from becoming pregnant for five years. Several states have implemented the device as a form of birth control in predominantly black and low-income communities. Most, like the Virginia program, are voluntary. But, some states, most prominently Maryland, are considering plans to force women to be implanted with Norplant. They have several children while on welfare. Blacks are split over the issue. Black Virginia Governor L. Douglas Battle says he supports the program as long as it remains voluntary. But, state NAACP head Linda Byrd Hunt charged the program could lead to the "forced sterilization" of black and low-income women. —RICHMOND, VA

● **Pennsylvania moves to block racist busing:** In a move that has been widely criticized as "racist in nature," the Pennsylvania House last week overwhelmingly approved a measure which would block mandatory busing for the Philadelphia School district. A state judge is currently considering such a proposal in order to better integrate city schools. It passed by the senate and signed by the governor, the measure would have the effect of blocking integration of predominantly black schools with predominantly white ones in the north-east part of the city. Black legislators accused their white colleagues of playing on the racial fears of white parents. —HARRISBURG, PA

● **Cops suspended in deaths of black motorist:** Four of the six white police officers involved in the death of a black truck driver two weeks ago have been suspended, but will continue to receive their paychecks. Larry Isaac Powell, 39, was beaten while handcuffed and later died as a result of a police choke-hold. Initially, the Chattanooga (Hamilton County) sheriff's department refused to take action against the officers, but decided otherwise after national attention was drawn to the incident. Powell had been stopped for suspected drunken driving. —CHATTANOOGA, TN

● **Black farmers get less government help:** According to an analysis of government records conducted by the Associated Press (AP), the Farmers Home Administration (FHA) is lending significantly less money to the struggling black farmers than to white ones. The FHA is where farmers turn when they cannot get loans from conventional sources. But, the AP analysis found that from 1980 to 1992, a disproportionate number of black farmers were turned down for loans and those who did get loans received \$21,000 less, on average, than similar white farmers. Luther Marable, Jr. of Boston, Georgia, told researchers that when the agency refused his loan request, 80 head of cattle and 3,000 hogs starved to death. But, an agency spokeswoman denied that the FHA was practicing discrimination. "It's not our policy," she said. —ATLANTA, GA

● **Slaying rock Bethune-Cookman College:** Daytona Beach: A violent slaying last week has rocked the campus of predominantly black Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida. The slayings brought to nine the number of people who have been shot or died in automobile accidents on the campus since June. Four young men have been arrested in the most recent triple slayings of two male students and a former male student. There are reports that the shooting may have been the result of mistaken identity. —DAYTONA BEACH, FL

● **Buthelez could spoil South African Democracy plan:** The nominal head of the Zulu tribe in South Africa appears to be positioning himself to be a spoiler in the agreement designed to lead to black majority rule in South Africa. The power-sharing arrangement between blacks and whites was reached in early February between the white-controlled government and the African National Congress, led by Nelson Mandela. While Mandela is far more popular among blacks than Buthelez, the latter still commands enough support among the Zulus to create trouble. If the power-sharing arrangement does not meet his approval, Buthelez fears he will be left with little formal political power if the current arrangement goes into effect. Ironically, conservative white groups on the far-right are supporting Buthelez's attempts to change current power-sharing arrangements. —JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

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Somali Prime Minister speaks to his African-American cousins: part II

The following is Part 2 of the exclusive interview with the Honorable Omer Ateh Ghalib, Prime Minister of the Provisional Government of the Somali Republic, obtained by an employee at "Call and Post" newspapers.

by Jim Raplin

Omer Ateh pauses to sip his coffee, and I ask my initial question: "What are the objectives of this meeting, and what plans are being formulated to resume the activities of an actual government, such as getting supplies to the people and policing the country?"

"Very good, very good," exclaims the Prime Minister. "I meant to continue that same area of inquiry."

He then responds, "I'm proud to be a Somali who wants to restore the unity of all the Somali people; while at the same time, I am proud to belong to Somaliland."

The northern tribes in Somaliland comprise 55% of Somalia's 10 million citizens and include, the tribes of Isaaq, of which Omer Ateh Ghalib is leader, totaling 80% of the northern population.

He continues, "In the north, we are frankly very frustrated. Many of our people wanted total and immediate

independence. I still hope to convince them to continue to give a chance to the Somali Republic as a nation, at least in the form of a confederation."

"I have constantly advocated that some form of constitution similar to the U.S. Constitution be adopted. At any rate, I think the safest policy to be followed in this regard is to have a referendum, so the people can decide their own destiny. This, I feel, can be achieved under the auspices of the Organization of Islamic Conference, Organization of African Unity (OAU), Arab League, and the Non-Aligned Movement together with the U.S. But now, please inject one of your questions Mr. Raplin."

So I do, "What short-term and long-term objectives would you assign to the U.N. backed troops in Somalia?"

The Prime Minister begins answering the question with a crisp "very good" and continues, "Before the arrival of the U.S. troops, I wrote the U.N. chief and the international media that the troops should achieve

the following objectives: (1) To assist in the safe delivery of humanitarian aid to the Somali people, particularly those in isolated areas; (2) To disarm the people completely, bearing in mind that at one time the Somali army was one of the strongest armies south of the Sahara.

"When General Barre's regime was overthrown, the army collapsed and their arms fell into the hands of irresponsible persons who have no respect for human dignity. These arms are stolen property of the Somali army and should be retrieved; (3) To help the interim government to re-establish a strong police and/or security force. Former army officers, such as generals, colonels and non-commissioned officers, who proved through history to be patriotic and did not take part in the civil wars, could be utilized. These officers can be mobilized and recalled at any time to carry out their national duties."

Darkness overcame the daylight, I am tired from the long plane trip and the Prime Minister wishes to retire early, so we agree to reconvene at 10 a.m. the next day.

I feel unprepared for the daylight the next morning, but I knock at the Prime Minister's door at 10 a.m., just as he had told me to do. We sit down,

myself at the desk, and the Prime Minister on the sofa.

I unfold my tablet and he begins, "To my Black American cousins, I have a very definite message. When I am here in this great and beautiful country, I feel I am my second home because none can deny the African heritage which is deeply and prominently rooted in the U.S. and Canada."

"I have happy memories of having significant contacts with prominent African-American personalities, particularly at the U.N., in the late 60's and early 70's as a diplomat and as foreign minister. I am convinced that African-Americans can play a very significant role in fostering closer relationship between African Americans on the one hand and the Arab world on the other. If I may have the privilege of giving a word of advice, may I say that the practice by the news media of giving blurring and negative reports of Somalia is really not very helpful. There are other positive factors which are not known, but African Americans can be proud."

"Therefore, I will announce a new project for Somalia to play a role in creating a human bridge between our country and the U.S. As soon as we solve our internal problems, I

would like to initiate a program whereby exchange visits can be arranged at all levels, so African Americans can be proud of their heritage and their human values, which Africans and Arabs hold deeply in their hearts for other people around the world. I want you, Mr. Raplin, to become strongly associated with our efforts to communicate with African Americans throughout the U.S., as we seek to increase the number of countries who recognize our provisional government."

"Presently, 110 countries recognize our government. All African, Arab, Muslim, non-aligned countries, plus France and Italy recognize our government. Why doesn't the U.S. recognize our provisional government? Perhaps my American cousins will find the answer to this question."

As the interview ends, we discuss plans for further communication, and I wonder what impact Omer Ateh Ghalib's words and thoughts will actually have on African Americans. Perhaps I will learn the answer to this question when my cousin returns to the U.S., for his scheduled Cleveland visit.

Jim Raplin is executive assistant to the chairman of Call and Post Newspapers.

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EDITORIAL

Enough said

Michael Jackson has been a hot media personality lately. In his own words, he has "gone from 'Where is he?' to 'There he is again.' " He has spoken out against the rumors about his life and his family and spoken up for the children of the world. He was asked why it has taken him so long to speak publicly and he explained, simply, that he never before had anything to say.

That is a very good reason to have kept quiet. Unfortunately having nothing to say doesn't stop most people from running off at the mouth. Some people speak incessantly, never saying anything. Some people speak little, saying even less. Still other people start out well, but don't know how to stop while they're ahead.

Only a rare few bide their time, listen to others, experience life, and, then, letting their wisdom speak for itself, say just enough of the right thing to make an impact. The key is in listening to others. Many of us are in such a rush to get our own points across that we don't stop and really listen to the points of others. If we took the time to listen, we might realize that many of us are saying the same things.

Enough said.

HARRIS



By Connie Woodruff

One of the History Month programs in Essex County was that sponsored by the East Orange City Council. Although it was advertised as the council's Observance of Black History Month, it was more political in context than a retelling of black history past or present.

Council chairman Stephen (Steve) Thomas made it clear from the onset council members would be in charge of the two hour program and assisted each of his ten colleagues specifically on the program.

Former councilwoman, Quilla Talmadge, now the Assemblywoman from the 27th legislative district, introduced Thomas who served as emcee.

Councilman Ralph A. Harris, a rumored candidate for Mayor this year, was selected to give the welcome. Harris, who kept reminding the SRO audience of his native roots, gave one of the longest and most political speeches of the night.

In politics, say "welcome" to a captive audience is beneficial to a potential candidate and Ralph Harris took full advantage of the situation in saluting many former elected officials who were present and thanking them for their guidance as he was climbing the political ladder. A lot of people got the message in a hurry.

Two council reached back into the historical archives for two of the three honorees. But again the political overtones were there in the selection of former mayor Bill Hart, Sr. and Community activist, Daniel Tindall as the recipients of Achieve-

ment and Civic awards respectively.

Tindall, a political socialist, was the first black mayor candidate in East Orange and Hart was the first black to be elected mayor.

A third honoree, Rudy Cicchino, owner of Norman Towers, a unique housing, health and community complex for senior citizens, was presented with a Humanitarian award for his service to the city.

In his "remark" the former mayor was vintage Bill Hart mingling a serious political message about pride in the community with the humor that made him a fun guy in and out of power.

Although he sounded very much like a candidate on the comeback trail, he insisted he is not about to run for mayor again because he was protesting a bit too much and that the door to return to office is still ajar. Time will tell.

Hart was followed by Mayor Cardell Cooper who was invited to give "remarks" rather than the welcome to the city he serves as chief executive and many in the audience read a lot of politics into this speech in roles.

An while Bill Hart talked a lot about the need for a rebirth of civic pride in East Orange and a return to the days when the city won national awards for cleanliness, safety and beauty along with good government, Mayor Cooper stressed the need to heal community wounds and warned citizens to be aware of external problems impacting on internal affairs.

It was clear both men were sending messages but from at one point Hart singled out former Froehner

Corina Kay-Williams, noting "you (the voters) should have elected to the city council" thus opening up old political wounds an reviving the idea that Kay-Williams, a retired high school vice principal may be persuaded to make a re-run for public office.

The highlight of the night was the presentation of an original poem by Miss Hafeezah Abdullah, a junior at Clifford J. Scott High School.

In her piece written specifically for Black History Month, the teenage writer caught the flavor of her city's current political atmosphere when she wrote about the importance of African American unity as it relates to Black History past, present and future.

Miss Abdullah's writing was so moving it deserves to be published in this and other media serving the local black community. Hopefully she will share it with all of us in a coming edition of CITY NEWS and "YES", the magazine for teens.

In addition to the members of the city council who spoke, Essex County Executive Thomas D'Alessio paid his respects to East Orange lauding the fact local communities have avoided the division that split Los Angeles after the Rodney King incident.

It was noted that despite the fact he is also the county Democratic chairman, D'Alessio gave no hint about the present political problems facing the leadership in East Orange. The strip of knite cloth he wore attested to his being an "honorary" African American for the night.

Ditto the Reverends Gary James

III, pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and Dr. Robert E. Karsten, president of Upsala College.

Nobody would verify its authenticity, but it was suggested by several of the 200 plus guests that East Orange councilman Claude Craig may opt to hold on to his council seat, thus clearing the way for Democratic vice chairlady Kathy Willis to replace Leroy Jones as the 3rd district Freeholder.

We owe State Senator Dr. Wynton Norman a debt of gratitude for giving to many young professionals an opportunity for legislative-political training they can move on to bigger and better things.

The most recent career she launched is that of Christie Davis, an attorney and Middlesex county activist who was her legislative aide for the better part of two years.

Christie was recently offered a staff position with U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg who made such a good offer it was hard to refuse. The young attorney accepted the new challenge with Senator Lipman's blessings and good wishes.

Newark's loss will be the nation's gain as Christie moves out of the realm of state politics into the national arena but thanks to the nurturing and mentoring of Senator Lipman the transition will not be difficult.

Essex again the Lady Senator from Essex is proving how important it is to be the wind beneath the sails of ambitious, talented young African American professionals.

Black women and the black media

By Todd Burroughs

Before Stisa Soujah, Angela Davis, and Ella Baker stood a woman whose power as a leader reaches African Americans to this day.

She was a teacher, feminist, black activist, and said to be the first investigative reporter. Ella Bell Wells is a true "she-ro."

Wells was born in Holly Springs, Mississippi, in 1862, the daughter of black activists there. She became a teacher as a teenager to keep her family together after her parents died. To the end, she was uncompromisingly militant about protecting African-American people in America.

At 22 years of age, Wells was thrown off a train when she refused to give up her seat to a white person. She went to court, but lost the case on appeal. But, she wrote about her experiences for local newspapers, starting an interest in journalism.

Wells, who at the time moved to Memphis, Tennessee for a better teaching job, began advocating self-help in a weekly newspaper column. After

being fired from teaching when she wrote about corruption in the Memphis school system, she became editor and co-owner of the *Memphis Free Speech*, a black newspaper.

When whites were terrorizing blacks in Memphis, Wells wrote that they should leave for the mid-West. Thousands did. She wrote stinging editorials about blacks being lynched by whites over "raping white women." Her life was threatened and her newspaper offices destroyed in 1892 after she wrote the following editorial, abridged here:

"Eight Negroes lynched since [the] last issue of the *Free Speech*. Three were charged with killing white men and five with raping white women. Nobody in this section believes the old thread-bare lie that Negro men assault white women. If Southern white men are not careful they will over-throw themselves and a conclusion will be reached that will be very damaging to the moral reputation of their own country."

At one point, while in Memphis, Wells wrote that she had obtained a gun. "One had better die fighting against injustice. It is better than dying like a dog, or a rat... I feel that if I could take just one

lyncher with me, it would help even the score."

Wells was in New York City at the time of the destruction of her office. T. Thomas Fortune, co-owner of the *New York Age*, one of the nation's premier black newspapers, offered her a job after telling her the news. Wells accepted.

She wrote several pamphlets on the lynching of African Americans by whites in the South, doing what would now be called "investigative reporting." She also went on speaking tours in the United States and England, crusading for an end to the practice of lynching.

Wells went on to edit the *Conservator*, a Chicago black newspaper. She also married activist lawyer, Ferdinand Barnett.

She was one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, but was maneuvered out of the organization. Many black male leaders considered her too outspoken, and tried to limit her effectiveness.

Wells-Barnett was also a powerful member of the Black Women's Club and suffrage movements.

Wells-Barnett died in 1931. Her autobiography is appropriately called, *Crusade for Justice*.

An exhibition of Yankee Ingenuity

by William Reed

An African-American business man in Washington, D.C. lives Black History Month the year round, and has a concept of it that others of us may want to experience and implement. There is a gold mine in the \$21 billion-a-year black tourism market, and John Best and his Capital Entertainment Services, Inc. organization have figured out how to tap into that market and into African Americans' curiosity of the culture and heritage that a city holds for them.

Each year over 17 million visitors flock to Washington, D.C. to see and experience the symbols of freedom, democracy, power and government embodied in the city's many monuments and memorials. Estimates are that fully 20 percent of visitors to the nation's capital are blacks who come to visit family and friends, as tourists, or for government meetings and/or conventions. Washington's second largest industry, in terms of revenue and employment, is tourism.

John Best is making moves to gain as much as he can of the \$3 billion-a-year that is spent in Washington through the tourism industry. Best is betting on the fact that as his operation gains more exposure, more and more of the three million African Americans who visit Washington annually will want to see the city's Black historical points of interest. Because of what it is about, and its place in the history of the country,

Washington holds a wealth of Black History and facts. The Capital Entertainment Venture is based on the insights of African Americans, local and from across the country, seeking to join of knowing more of their heritage in the city.

Most of us know of Frederick Douglass, but Mr. Best is counting on sizeable numbers of us actually realizing the role of information available at the Frederick Douglass National Historical Site. Best's tours also include the National Museum of African Art at the Smithsonian and Martin Luther King Memorial in the Capitol's Rotunda and the King Time Capsule directly across the street from the black-run City Hall; viewing the Mary McLeod Bethune and Emancipation Memorials; definitive narrations and sights informing people of Benjamin Banneker's role in the layout and design of Washington; viewing Howard University; and highlighting contemporary people and places of the city.

Blacks paying attention to their past could produce revenues for entrepreneurial ingenuity in Washington, and in other American cities. For example, cities with black mayors should also bring black entrepreneurs into the tourism loop and highlight the black presence in that locale. Dayton, Ohio, which is the location of the Paul Robeson Dunbar Home and a site along the old Underground Railway; Memphis, Tennessee, site of the Lorraine Hotel and Beale Street blues havens; New York, home of Harlem, the Schomburg Library and Strivers Row; and Atlanta,

with its numerous MLK sites, broad array of black-owned businesses and clubs and the Atlanta University College Complex, could each produce a profitable revenue stream from local tourism for blacks.

African Americans travel more today than anytime in history. Those of us who'd like to note our accomplishments from the past, and who seek to be among the ones who will illustrate our actions and financial contributions into the future,

should make it a point to search out those who have a similar Yankee ingenuity as John Best in each city that they visit. Over 500 black groups will be going to celebrate the year, and will visit over \$6 billion when they go. Black History Tours, and networking with the residents, in each city we visit for conferences, school field trips, and family reunions, should be a must on the group's agenda, and each family's personal agenda.

Quote of the Week

"We don't want charity, we want parity. We don't want welfare, we want workfare."

-Sharpe James,
Mayor of Newark

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The circus is coming!

Every child born during 1993 is invited to attend free

NEWARK—The City of Newark's Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) has announced that the "Ringling Brothers and Bailey Circus," running March 9 through March 14, at the Meadowlands Arena, will present a special "Newark Night" on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Roslyn Lightfoot, DORCA manager, said, "This year, the 'Greatest Show On Earth' is celebrating its 200th anniversary of entertaining children of all ages in America. This spectacular performance truly has something for

people of all ages."

Mayor Sharpe James agreed, "This is just a fantastic event and an exciting must-see treat for every Newark citizen. It is wholesome entertainment for the entire family."

To mark the 200-year milestone, The Greatest Show On Earth's President and Producer Kenneth Feld has created a Special Celebration Edition bringing together the brightest and most talented children from around the globe into the world of the Circus. The 45 incredible young Circus artists, ages 6 to 16, is the largest collection of young circus artists ever assembled. They will be presented for the first time anywhere in the all-new Special Celebration Edition of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

"Every American can conjure up a fond recollection of his or her first visit to the Circus. It is this common experience we share among generations that is the heart and soul of the Circus," says Feld. "It seems only fitting that this Special Celebration Edition of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus should be dedicated to children."

Also in celebration of the 200 years of circus in America, every child born in the United States during 1993 will receive a special birthday present from The Greatest Show On Earth: his or her first ticket to Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, free.

This offer has no expiration date and the free ticket may be redeemed at any time during the child's lifetime. Parents need only mail their name, address, newborn child's name and date of birth to Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, P.O. Box 5265, Clifton, New Jersey, 07015, and they will receive a certificate exchangeable for one admission ticket for any Circus performance in any city in any year.

"It is my deeply held belief that every child should experience Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus," Feld said. "And we can think of no better way of celebrating two centuries of America's traditional family entertainment favorite than to share it with America's future citizens."

The normal cost for the tickets range from \$8.50 to \$15. But all tickets for "Newark Night" are only \$6.50 when purchased, in advance, with special discount coupons, DORCA officials said. Free coupons for the "Newark Night" show are available in the DORCA office, Room B-23, Newark City Hall, 201-733-5749.



Three members of The Chicago Kids of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus raise the popular pastime of jumping rope to new artistic heights as they jump, juggle, backflip and soar in a rhythmic, high energy performance.

Andrews uses his brain to win 1st place at science fair



Fourth grader Michael Andrews displays his science project that won first place for his grade level at the Science Fair at Woodland School in Plainfield. Michael constructed an anatomical model demonstrating areas of the brain and vertebrate of the spin. Photo by Terry Monahan

Bayyinnah Ali named National Honor Roll Award winner



Bayyinnah Ali

IRVINGTON—The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) recently announced that Bayyinnah Ali, a student at Irvington High School, has been recognized for her academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner.

Bayyinnah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abdul-Malik Salaam Ali of Irvington. She is currently a sophomore and plans to pursue a career in computers or law. The Sisterhood Program, Teen Fest and the Inani Center are just a few of the extracurricular activities that occupy her free

time.

"I would like to remind all kids that there is no short cut, education is and always will be the key," replied the sixteen year-old.

The USAA National Honor Roll Awards provide honor roll students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent, and ability. Bayyinnah, who will appear in the annually published United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, is also eligible to apply for one of the scholarships offered annually by the USAA.

Open House at Rowan College

GLASSBORO—High school juniors and senior and their parents are invited to an Open House at Rowan College of New Jersey on March 7.

The day's activities begin at 1 p.m. Students will receive information from faculty members in the financial aid and admissions departments, as well as from each of the college's academic disciplines. The final part of the day's program is a campus tour, from 3:20 to 4 p.m. For more information call the college's Admissions Office at 609-863-5347.

Applications for Newark's Gifted and Talented program being accepted

NEWARK—The Newark Board of Education is accepting student applications for the Gifted and Talented program for the 1993-94 school year.

The program accepts academically-advanced students to participate in accelerated learning activities at one of six satellite school locations. Students throughout the City of Newark who will be entering grades one through six in September 1993 are eligible to apply.

The program offers a full elementary curriculum at an advanced pace. A Gifted and

Talented research room provides varied enrichment activities to supplement regular classroom assignments. Regularly scheduled field experiences, resource facilities and special units of study complement in-class activities.

Participating schools are Abington Avenue School, Lafayette Street School, Maple Avenue School, Louise A. Spencer School, Thirteenth Avenue School and Warren Street School.

To be considered for admission, students must have standardized test scores at least two years

above their grade level in reading and/or mathematics. Other criteria for selection include student achievement, academic and attendance records, and teacher and parent evaluations, as well as self-assessment.

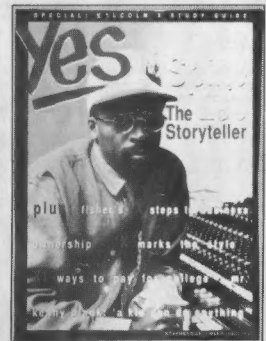
Applications for the program are available at Newark public elementary schools and must be submitted no later than March 31, 1993. Additional information can be obtained at the elementary schools or by calling the Gifted and Talented Program, 201-733-8200.

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Let your voice be heard in McDonald's GospelFest '93

NEW YORK—The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) announces that tri-state area gospel groups can seize the opportunity to win valuable prizes by entering McDonald's ninth annual GospelFest competition now.

To qualify for entry, groups must reside in the metropolitan New York, New Jersey or Fairfield County, Connecticut area, have a minimum of seven members and not have a professional recording contract with a major label. New for 1991, groups will compete in three categories—Choir, groups having 15 or more members; Ensemble, groups with less than 15 members; and Youth, groups whose members are 16 years of age and under.

The preliminary round of competition will begin on Saturday, March 13 in New Jersey and continue at area churches on Saturdays throughout March and April. Groups advancing from the preliminaries will go on to the semi-final competition, to be held on Saturday, May 8 in New York. From the semi-finals, groups will advance to the exciting final competition/concert on Friday, June 11 at world famous Carnegie Hall. Net proceeds from the event will benefit the UNCF.

The winning group in each category at the final event will receive \$2,500 in cash and a variety of performance opportunities, as well as crystal awards.

Entries, including the name of the group, number of members, category,



Pictured (l-r) are: Bill Peters, Executive Director of the UNCF NY Campaign; Ron Bailey, McDonald's restaurant owner and President of Donald's Tri-State Black Restaurant Owners Association; Thelma Price, UNCF Associate Project Manager; Peter Samaha, representative of McDonald's Tri-State Restaurant Owners Association; Zenobia Worrell, Marketing Manager of McDonald's Corporation; Bea Hairston, UNCF Volunteer Coordinator; Ian Wilson, Sales Manager of WWRL radio; and Sean Cort, Public Affairs Production Coordinator of WIRK radio and host of "KISS Inspirations".

name of a group contact, address and contact phone number (day and evening) should be mailed to: GospelFest '93, 95 West 95th Street, Suite 31C, New York, NY 10025. All entries must be postmarked by February 27. For more information call 212-222-7724 during the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

\$100,000 in grants for non-profits who sponsor Culture of Community projects

NEW BRUNSWICK—The New Jersey Committee for the Humanities has announced it is offering a total of \$100,000 in grants over the next two years for innovative projects, programs and activities that explore the meaning of "community."

Any non-profit group in New Jersey with an interest in community issues and ideas may apply for a grant of up to \$10,000.

The NJCH is encouraging organizations to collaborate in creating projects which examine and, hopefully, re-conceive a common vision of what America should be.

This vision should explore a future based on human relationships that go beyond race, ethnicity, religion, geography and special interests.

The NJCH is seeking grant proposals for projects that will help people become more aware of each other, share standards and work toward common goals and purposes.

In an attempt to help reverse the apparent decline in community and

recapture the public sphere, these special "Culture of Community" grants were developed by the NJCH to help celebrate its twentieth anniversary as New Jersey's state council of the National Endowment for the Humanities in a way that would be constructive and have some positive impact on the state.

Before submitting a proposal, applicants must submit a one-page abstract to help the NJCH visualize the project. This abstract should include: a description of the project; purpose and goals; names of the groups involved; tasks or activities required; total estimated cost and a contact person. Each abstract must be submitted one month before the following proposal deadlines, July and November 1st of 1993 and April and July 1st of 1994.

Proposals will be considered competitively in terms of their lasting impact. For more information, applications and guidelines, please call the NJCH at 908-932-7726.

Workshop planned for urban educators

SOUTH ORANGE—Seaton Hall University's College of Education and Human Resources and the Office of the Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Newark will hold "A Spring Break for Urban Educators" workshop on Monday, March 15, from 2 to 6 p.m., in the Bishop Dougherty Student Center on the South Orange campus. The fee is \$15 and includes a buffet dinner at 6:15 p.m.

Dr. Asa G. Hilliard III, a professor of urban education at Georgia State University, will give the keynote address which will focus on issues relating to urban education and what is necessary to be a successful urban educator. He will offer reflections on who that person is, and on the person interacts with others in and out of the school and how one's personal mission affects the way the job is done.

Dr. Bernice Bass de Martinez, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, notes that Dr. Hilliard "is a forceful and dynamic



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For registration and to obtain further information, call the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 201-596-4260.

ECC Alumni Association donates money to nursing scholarship fund

NEWARK—The Essex County College Alumni Association has announced a gift of \$1,000 to the College Nursing Department Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund was established to raise funds for graduating nursing students who are taking the New Jersey Board of Nursing examination.

"Students enrolled in the Nursing program incur extraordinary costs upon graduation," said Vickie

Grosso, Chairperson of Nursing. "The scholarship fund assists students with licensure application fees, review courses for the New Jersey Board of Nursing examination, and room and board during the two-day examination."

"We felt this was a unique group of individuals to assist," said Senator Ronald Rice, president of the Essex County College Alumni Association. "During the past two years, the percentage for passing the nursing examination on the first try has been extraordinary. Our nursing students should not have to worry about meeting expenses when they are taking their board examinations and hopefully this gift will assist in alleviating some anxiety."

The Essex County College Nursing program is fully accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and the National League for Nursing. Individuals who would like to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund can make checks out to the Essex County College Department of Nursing Scholarship Fund and mail to Vickie Grosso, Department of Nursing.



Senator Ronald Rice, president of the Essex County College Alumni Association, donates a check to Vickie Grosso, Chairperson of Nursing at Essex County College. Photo by Leon Golden

ing, Essex County College, 303 University Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

Planned Parenthood of Essex County expands services

NEWARK—As part of a move toward "one stop" reproductive health care, Planned Parenthood Essex County is now diagnosing and treating Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID).

The condition is a result of an untreated Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD), mainly from an infection of chlamydia or gonorrhea. If left untreated, complications may lead to infertility. However, with early detection, the disease can be treated relatively easily and inexpensively with antibiotics.

To make an appointment, or for more information, call the nearest PPEC center: Clubb Center, 151 Washington Street, Newark 201-622-3900; Ironbound Center, 56 Ferry Street, Newark 201-465-7707; Gale Center, 606 Central Avenue, East Orange 201-674-4343; Montclair Center, 29 North Fullerton Avenue 201-746-7116.

'Plainfield Voters' Forum' on Storer Cable

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield League of Women Voters is sponsoring a cable show called "Plainfield Voters' Forum." The show, which began on February 26, will be aired on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. on Storer Cable's Community Channel 21.

This is the first of a series of shows that will focus on issues relevant to Plainfield citizens. The March 5 show will feature School Board candidates. Future shows will focus on the mayoral and city council races.

Anyone seeking further information should contact Ms. McGraw 908-754-9347.

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NEWARK—A traveling photographic exhibit, "The Afro-American Presence in Medicine, 1850-1900," will open at the UMDNJ-George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences, 12th Avenue. The library is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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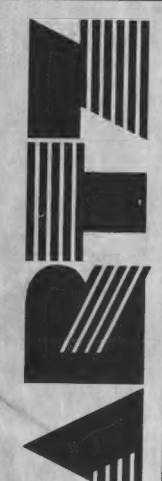
NEW YORK—Michael Roemer's "Nothing But a Man," the landmark 1964 film about African-Americans struggling to maintain their dignity in the Deep South will be re-released at Film Forum on Houston 5. For info call 212-727-8110.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

PISCATAWAY—The drama "1,001 Inventions" will be presented by Pinpoint Productions at 11 AM in the East-Lane Hall of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Hoes Lane, Piscataway. The drama depicts the history of African-American scientists.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

MONTCLAIR—The Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia will perform "Puss 'n' Boots" with a cast of charming puppets and talented actors, as part of the Poppo Pop Playhouse series presented by the Art Council of the Essex Area. For more info, tickets or a Poppo Playhouse brochure call 201-744-1717.



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'Where to Go: A Guide to Manhattan's Toilets'

NEW YORK—Published in December 1991 (second printing: June 1992), "Where to Go: A Guide to Manhattan's Toilets" is finding an enthusiastic response from New York City's residents and visitors. In what was close to a one-woman operation, Vicki Rovere researched, wrote and self-published the book. Research took four months, during which the author covered all of the borough of Manhattan, often walking more than twelve miles a day.

Rovere ended up with over 450 listings which, at \$4.50 a copy, which works out to less than a penny per listing. The other current book on the subject, "The Toilets of New York," costs \$8.95 and offers over 100 listings. "Where to Go" is the only one of four books on the topic since 1966 to list any locations above 96 St.

Eight pages of maps of Manhattan are keyed to the listings. In addition to more obvious locations such as hotels, department stores and transit stations, categories include Flea Markets, Billiard Parlors and Auction Houses.

Almost all of the listings include detailed instructions on how to find the restrooms, so that users of

Kathleen McGhee-Anderson's 'Mothers' to premiere at Crossroads

NEW BRUNSWICK—The universal joys and challenges of motherhood collide with issues of race and prejudice in the lives of two women and their mixed-race daughters in "Mothers," a sensitive new drama by Kathleen McGhee-Anderson having its world premiere at Crossroads Theatre Company, March 7-April 25.

Commissioned by Bill Cosby and directed by Shirley Jo Finney, who directed Ms. McGhee-Anderson's play "Oak and Ivy" at Crossroads last season, "Mothers" was presented as a staged reading last season during Crossroads' Genesis 1992 New Play Festival. It also had readings at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles last year.

The play tells the story of two mothers—a tough, twangy, white Kentuckian named Jean and a stage-read, assimilated Japanese American named Mariko—scrapping together a life for themselves and

their daughters in a tenement on Chicago's predominantly Black South Side in the 1960s. Both women were married to African-American men but are now alone, raising their mixed-race daughters. Battered by hostility from their communities, their own families and each other, they conceal their vulnerability behind defiant facades before discovering common ground as mothers.

Ms. McGhee-Anderson states, "The play is about mothering, essentially: two mothers who are culturally oppressed because of race. It's about the alienation they feel and the discoveries they make when they become friends. They have to cleanse themselves of biases and stereotypes before they can embrace as friends, so they can move ahead."

Director Shirley Jo Finney has assembled a multi-ethnic multi-racial cast to capture the many cultural themes that flow through "Mothers." Musician Harry Mann will play origi-

nal music on saxophone and flute.

Playwright Kathleen McGhee-Anderson was raised in Detroit. She graduated cum laude from Spelman College and received a master in fine arts degree in film directing from Columbia University. She began her career as a journalist with the Detroit Free Press and later worked as an assistant professor of film at Howard University and as a film editor for television. She has written for "Little House on the Prairie," "Benson," "Webster," "Charles in Charge," "Gimme a Break," "227" and "The Cosby Show."

"Mothers" will be in previews March 7-12 with the gala opening night at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 13. Performances during the run are Tuesdays through Sundays. The play originally was scheduled to run through April 11, but has been extended due to heavy advance ticket sales. For ticket information, call the box office at 908-249-5560.



Splendid Framing hosts a one-day Leroy Campbell art show

PLAINFIELD—Splendid Framing will present artist Leroy Campbell for a one-day artist signing of limited edition prints and posters on Sunday, March 7, from 1 to 7 p.m.

Splendid Framing Owner Nellie Dixon says that Campbell's creation of "neckbeak characters," as she calls them, "really catches the interest of customers. Yet most of Campbell's work is not widely known." She hopes the one-day show will introduce this very talented young African-American artist to more central New Jersey collectors.

The self-taught artist works in all media and says his work is designed to reflect a celebration of the African-American experience, bringing smiles of joy and a sense of connectivity to all who view it.

A southerner by birth, Campbell attributes much of his creativity and inspiration to his southern heritage. He is also greatly inspired by the music of jazz greats Thelonious Monk and John Coltrane.

In central New Jersey, Campbell's most famous commissioned piece hangs at Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick. He has held solo shows across the country and diners in such well-known New

York haunts as B. Smith's Restaurant and Two Steps Down Cafe can enjoy his paintings.

The one-day signing is open to the public at 190 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ. For additional information call 908-754-0202.

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Sweet Honey in the Rock

NEWARK—The Carter G. Woodson Foundation's 1993 OnStage in New Jersey Performing Arts Series continues with one of America's premier folk a cappella ensembles, Sweet Honey in the Rock. Keeping with the OnStage theme of "Praise and Celebration," Sweet Honey in the Rock's inspired vocal offerings include music and lyrics in the African-American traditions of gospel, jazz, folk, R&B and rap. Aniried in brightly colored caftans and kente cloth these five women, along with their sign interpreter, celebrate and praise the joys and struggles of being women and being black. Returning again by popular demand, Sweet Honey in the Rock will be showcasing selections from her (as the group collectively refers to themselves) most recent recording "In This Land" on Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6, at Newark Symphony Hall and William Paterson College respectively. Sweet Honey in the Rock has recorded nine albums, including "In This Land," for the Earth Beat label. They have received numerous accolades and awards, including a Grammy.

Copies are available at many

Swain Galleries Marks 125th Year in Plainfield

PLAINFIELD—Swain Galleries in the Crescent Historic District of Plainfield will begin its series of celebrations for its 125th year as a family-owned business with a month-long exhibit and various demonstrations throughout March on gilding, the stages of gilded-frame restoration, selection of appropriate frames and more.

The opening celebration, March 6-April 2, heralds four generations of the Swain legacy that began when Philip Swain, "practical gilder and frame maker," opened his art store in Plainfield in 1868. In 1943, his son, Walter Sr., steered the enterprise

through World War II, and, in 1948, Walter Jr., took the helm. When Walter Swain died in 1992, he was succeeded by his daughter, Ann Swain McQuillan, who had been assisting at the gallery for a number of years. According to Ann Swain, the gallery's 125th anniversary will be marked by other celebrations throughout 1993 including the annual anniversary sale later in the year.

For more information on specific demonstrations during March, call 908-756-1707. Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

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TUESDAYS THRU MARCH 30

MONTCLAIR—The EXCEL Start Right entrepreneurial training program of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) will hold its winter/spring session at the YWCA Women's Center, 6:30-9:30 p.m. For more info or to enroll, call Harriet Nazarete at NAWBO/EXCEL 609-707-0173.

TRENTON—Mercer County Community College's Small Business Development Center will hold a 5 session course entitled "How To Write a Business Plan," covering techniques used to develop a business plan which includes business goals, financial projections, market research, and personnel and product or service development. Pre-registration is requested, call 609-586-9446 for information.

THURSDAYS, MARCH 4-APRIL 1

UNION—The EXCEL Start Right entrepreneurial training program of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) will hold its winter/spring session at Kean College, 5:30-8:30 p.m. For more info or to enroll, call Harriet Nazarete at NAWBO/EXCEL 908-707-0173.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

PARAMUS—The Division of Development for Small Businesses and Women and Minority Businesses and the New Jersey Small Business Development Center will co-sponsor the start of two workshops on "How to Obtain, Utilize and Maintain Bonding" for emerging companies at Bergen County Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Room C-211, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Admission for the seminar is \$20. For more info or to register call 201-649-9500.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

TRENTON—As part of its "Business Over Breakfast Series," Mercer County Community College will hold a workshop entitled "Preparing Your Employee Handbook," covering practical and legal reasons why all businesses should have one. For registration information call 609-586-9446.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

TRENTON—Mercer County Community College's Small Business Development Center will hold a workshop entitled "For Employees Only: Excelling in Customer Service," designed to assist the business owner by teaching employees how to improve their customer service. Pre-registration is requested, call 609-586-9446 for information.

NatWest Commits \$40 million for NJ development initiatives

National Westminster Bank NJ, in cooperation with New Jersey Citizen Action (NJCA), recently announced that it will commit \$40 million over the next three years in below market-rate mortgages, reduced rate home improvement loans, and construction and permanent financing for low and moderate income housing.

According to Mr. Petts, home opportunity and improvement loans will be marketed in the urban areas of Newark, Jersey City, Perth Amboy, New Brunswick, Trenton and Atlantic City, but will be available to qualified applicants statewide. "Much thought and effort went into molding a program that would benefit a great number of people," said Petts. "We are pleased with the programs and the support we have received from Citizen Action."



John Petts (r), president of NatWest NJ hands a copy of the signed agreement to Patrick Morrissey, co-chair of NJCA, as Phyllis Salovey-Kay, executive director of NJCA, and Nat Harris, NatWest's community development officer, look on.

Custodian training program concluded

At 6:30 each morning since September 1991, Cyril Reed has left his home on Quinlan Street, Newark, and proceeded to a different school in the Newark Board of Education to instruct custodians and boiler operators to more

efficiently operate and maintain boiler equipment.

Over 16 hours of in-house, on hands instruction has been given to over 80 schools throughout the East, West, North, South, and Central West



Pictured (l-r) are Eugene C. Campbell, superintendent of Newark schools, Cyril Reed, Local 68 instructor, Julian Bivens, custodian, John Jenkins, custodian, and Thomas P. Giblin, president of Local 68.

Schools.

Early in 1991, Thomas P. Giblin, President, Local 68 proposed a program, between Local 68 Education Fund and the Newark Board of Education, in which a Local 68 Education Fund instructor would spend a full day with day shift custodians and other hands on instruction. After one full rotation of the Newark schools the cycle would begin again, to further assist the staff with individual instruction. All costs of instruction would be borne by the Local 68 Education Fund.

Eugene C. Campbell, Superintendent of Newark Board of Education accepted the proposal and together they began their commitment to have all buildings maintained in the best possible manner. This special partnership has provided astounding results by offering instruction to over 150 members of the custodial staff. Since the 1991 Spring Semester, the Local 68 Education Fund has given over \$40,000 to various programs to offer new opportunities to employees of the board that will increase the efficiency at which they perform their jobs.

Climbing the ladder

Carolyn Ambrose of Newark has been promoted to Assistant Vice President in the Customer Service Department at Broad National Bank. Geraldine Goode of Piscataway has retired from United National Bank after 37 years of service. Tressa Brown of Plainfield was appointed supervisor of reading and language arts in the Plainfield Public Schools. Cathy McAdoo Wilhelm of Somerville has joined the New Jersey Community Loan Fund as the organization's Director of Investor Outreach. John J. Loyden has been named vice president of finance for the Stella D'oro Co. Art Bernard, deputy director of the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) has been named acting executive director. Charles Matison, a partner in the firm of Cooper Perskie April Niedelman Wagenheim & Levenson and Chairman of the Firm's Family Law Department, has been named a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Thirteen officers have been promoted at United National Bank. John C. Kautz has been named chief investment officer. Virginia Cook and Barbara Rushing have been elevated to vice presidential status. Anne M. Owens, Marcia E. Hopkins, Laurel E. Lennon and Andrea Van Horn have been named assistant vice-president. Kurt G. Talke was elected assistant trust officer. Joy T. Budzinski was appointed assistant trust investment officer. Diane M. Russo, Sarah G. Chevalier and Jennine M. Carrier were elected assistant cashier. John E. La Sure, Jr. has been named to the post of systems manager.

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REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick is requesting proposals from Architects/Engineers to design **REPLACEMENT INTERIOR BUILDING DRAINAGE, BATHROOM FIXTURES AND RELATED ITEMS** for the following four (4) high rise buildings totaling two hundred forty six units in New Brunswick Homes.

Proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick, New Jersey, on **THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1993, at 10:00 a.m.**, PREVAILING TIME, at which time proposals will be opened and examined.

All Documents, and Specifications for this project may be examined at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick, 71 Nelson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and picked up at the above named office during regular office hours.

DAVID L. WILLIAMS JR.
3/3/93 ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Housing Authority of Plainfield is soliciting proposals from qualified engineering/environmental consulting firms to prepare specifications and provide monitoring services for the **landfill paint abatement** for the **ES-30-013 Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program** for Elmwood Gardens, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Interested engineering/environmental consulting firms should obtain copy of the specifications which provide detailed project information and requirements at the Housing Authority's Administrative office located at 510 East 10th Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any site inspection can be arranged on an appointment basis.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is Thursday, February 25, 1993, at 2:00 p.m.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1976, c.127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27).

The Housing Authority of Plainfield reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to waive any informalities in the proposals. No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the date of the proposal without the consent of the Housing Authority of Plainfield.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD
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INVITATION TO BID

**NEWARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
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ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS**

NBOE FILE #145892 - GENERAL CONSTRUCTION (REBID)

Notice is hereby given that the sealed bids for the General Construction Contract for the **Arts High School Addition & Alterations** project in Newark, New Jersey will be received by the Bid Registrar in the Purchasing and Warehousing Division, 8th Floor, Room 818, 2 Cedar Street, Newark, New Jersey no later than Wednesday March 4, 1993 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. The opening of the bids will be held in the Conference Room, 8th Floor, 2 Cedar Street, Newark, NJ.

This invitation to bid is a rebid of the General Construction segment of this Project. The following awards have been previously solicited: NBOE File #145892 - Structural Steel & Miscellaneous Metal Work by West Welding Company, Inc., NBOE File #145892 - Heating, Ventilating & Air Conditioning to Mumfords Construction Company, Inc., NBOE File #145892 - Plumbing and Mechanical to Mumfords Construction Company, Inc., and NBOE File #145892 - Electrical to Progressive Electric Company, Inc.

- Bid Bond requirements are identified in 196 of the Instructions to Bidders

- Bidders are required to comply with the New Jersey Public Law 1975, c.127, in addition, Bidders are required to comply with the New Jersey Public Law 1972, c.33 (E-1) and the Minority Business Set-Aside provisions contained in the Special Conditions - Article 16.

- A pre-bid conference will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 1993, in the Auditorium of Arts High School, 2 Cedar Street, Newark, New Jersey.

- Bidders will be available for inspection at the office of Design and Construction, Room 805 Newark Board of Education, 2 Cedar Street, Newark, New Jersey, on or after February 10, 1993.

- Bid Documents may be obtained from the Director of Purchasing and Warehousing Division, Room 818 Newark Board of Education, 2 Cedar Street, Newark, New Jersey, upon tender of a certified check or money order in the amount of \$300.00, non-refundable payable to the Board of Education. Contractors who have obtained the specifications and drawings on the previous solicitation can obtain the necessary revisions at no cost.

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Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid, not to exceed \$20,000.00.

The Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the Administrative Office of the Authority. Copies of the Contract Documents may also be obtained at said office upon deposit of cash, check or bank draft in the amount of \$25.00, payable to the "Morristown Housing Authority" for each set. Such deposit will be refunded upon receipt of the Documents in good condition within ten days after Bid Opening. **DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE MAILED.**

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Material Payment Bond to the Authority in the full amount of the Contract in such form as the Authority may prescribe and with such Security as they may approve.

All bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the Laws of the State of New Jersey, must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements Public Law 1975, c. 127 which pertains to "Non-discrimination" and Affirmative Action, and Public Law 1977, c. 33, which refers to a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick is requesting proposals for qualified Architects/Engineers to **CONDUCT ENERGY AUDITS AND DESIGN ENERGY CONSERVATION INCENTIVES**, for all projects, New Brunswick Homes, Hoffman Pavilion, Schwartz Homes, and Robeson Village.

Proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick in their office at 71 Nelson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, on **THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1993, at 10:00 a.m.**, PREVAILING TIME, at which time proposals will be opened and examined.

All Documents and Specifications for this project may be examined at the office of the New Brunswick Housing Authority, 71 Nelson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and picked up at the above named office during regular office hours.

DAVID L. WILLIAMS JR.
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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick is requesting proposals from qualified Architects/Engineers to design an **UPGRADE OF THE ELECTRICAL SERVICES** for twenty nine (29) buildings in Schwartz Homes and nine (9) buildings in Robeson Village.

Proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick in their office at 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey, on **THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1993, at 10:00 a.m.**, PREVAILING TIME, at which time proposals will be opened and examined.

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Sportlight

by R. L. Greene

NEW YORK—His smooth running style and quiet off-field demeanor gave him the perfect nickname of "Sweetness." But don't try telling that to someone who ever tried to tackle Walter Payton on a football field, however.

Over 13 brilliant seasons in the National Football League, Sweetness rushed for 16,726 yards and 110 touchdowns. As Casey Stengel used to say, you can look it up; it's in the record books.

When Walter Payton is inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame at Canton, Ohio, later this year, it will be his numbers that stand out.

We're talking awesome here. Like huge huge.

Sweetness played more games than any other running back in NFL history, 190. He carried the ball 3,838 times, the most ever. And in his 13 seasons, he missed only one game, that in his rookie year when he had a sore ankle.

It's hard to put this quiet, unassuming graduate of Jackson State in perspective. But if Dallas Cowboy running back Emmitt Smith, who has led the NFL in rushing the last two years, is to surpass Payton's career rushing today, he will have to average 1,401 yards a year for nine more

seasons. When Sweetness was the only offensive weapon the Chicago Bears had, he was the target for every defense. After all, stop Payton and you stop the Bears. Right? Wrong.

With his snail-like freezing would-be tacklers, a stiff arm to push back defensive backs, speed to blow past some defenders and surprising power to bowl over others, Payton rushed for more than 1,000 yards in 10 of his 13 seasons. He ran for 100 or more yards in 77 games during his career, and he caught 492 passes for an additional 4,538 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Yet, former Bears general manager Jim Finks says those record-breaking numbers don't tell the story. "It's grossly unfair to judge Walter Payton solely on the yards he gains," Finks said. "He is a complete football player; better than Jim Brown, better than O.J. Simpson."

His teammates were in awe of the man born in the small town of Columbia, Miss., 70 miles south of Jackson.

Matt Suhey, who teamed with Payton in the Bears' backfield, said Sweetness "stopped aging at 21."

"My lasting memory will be more of practice—going outside day in and day out and seeing Walter in a state of perpetual motion," said former Bears defensive back Gary

Fencil. "If he's not running the ball, he's on the sideline throwing it or kicking it. I think that really reflects in a real positive way how much Walter really loves playing football. 'Back home in Mississippi, Payton was known as Bubba because he was a fat baby. And he was shy."

"He was a mama's boy," his mother said. "We were just close, him being the baby."

His older brother, Eddie, was the aggressive and athletic one in the family. And while Eddie did go on to play with the NFL, it was with not nearly the success of his younger brother.

Sweetness began his football career at an all-Black school, Jefferson High, then transferred to Columbia High after the school district was integrated. He was a Black All-American at Jackson State University and a first-round draft choice of the Chicago Bears.

As the saying goes, the rest is history.

"Overall, it's been a lot of fun," Payton said when he played his final game, a post-season loss to the Washington Redskins in January 1988. "Take away the fun and it's time to leave. That's why it's hard for me to leave. Football has been good to me and it doesn't owe me a thing."

"I've truly been blessed to play football."

While no one played harder, Sweetness was proud of the price he paid to be the best.

"I'm not a role model," he said.

"I'm Walter Payton. If kids see some of the things they can utilize and emulate and make their lives better, so well and so good."

"But they have to realize I'm human just like anybody else. I'm capable of making mistakes."

'Newark Distance Classic' named state TAC championship again

NEWARK—The Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) has announced that the 19th Annual "Newark Distance Classic" has again been named the 20-Kilometer state championship by the New Jersey Chapter of The Athletic Congress (TAC).

The road race, scheduled for Sunday, March 7, 1993 at the University of Rutgers-Newark Gymnasium, 41 Warren Street, kicks off at 8 a.m. NDC organizers said. The "Distance Classic" starts and finishes at the Rutgers-Newark gym, located near Raymond Blvd and University Ave.

The competition consists of three events: 20-K Race, Four-Mile and Two-Mile Run.

Roslyn Lightfoot, DORCA manager, said this is the seventh year that the "Classic" has received the designation for the state 20-K title in the Men's, Women's and Teams divisions. "I am very gratified and proud that the New Jersey TAC, a member of a prestigious national

organization, has again selected the 'Classic' to serve as the state championship at that distance."

Lightfoot added, "We feel the timing of the competition makes the race an excellent pre-Spring race to compete in before the New Jersey Waterfront, Boston and New York City marathons."

The first-place male and female winners of the 20-K will each receive \$1000 and the Borok's Memorial Trophy. The second and third-place finishers will receive \$300 and \$200, respectively. Free T-shirts will be given to competitors while supplies last.

The pre-registration fee is \$10 and post-registration, which closes at 9 a.m. on the day of the race, is \$12.

Entry forms can be obtained through the DORCA office, Room B-23, City Hall. For more information and to register, please contact Harold Wright and Miriam Santiago, DORCA special events coordinators, at 201-733-3749.

Mayor swears in new Fire Captains



Nine Newark firefighters were promoted to the rank of Captain on February 2. The group was sworn in by Mayor Sharpe James, City Clerk Robert Marasco and Fire Department Director Stanley Kossup during a ceremony held at City Hall. Pictured (l-r) are Gregory B. Whitehead; James A. Thibault; Kevin J. Burkhardt; Joseph F. Dougan; William R. Harris; Robert C. Caulfield; Peter L. Partridge; John V. Hanrahan; Michael McCarthy; and Mayor James. Photo by William Ramos

Newark and Plainfield sites receive historic preservation grants

TRENTON—Governor Jim Florio announced that the City of Newark was awarded a \$464,138 grant for the Krueger Mansion, and the City of Plainfield was awarded a \$200,000 grant for restoration efforts at City Hall as part of a total of \$6.6 million in historic preservation grants which will fund 34 projects throughout the state.

"These funds help protect an important part of our heritage. Restoring and preserving these sites provide an invaluable history lesson for generations to come," Governor Florio said. "The extensive involvement of local groups in sponsoring these projects demonstrates the importance of grassroots efforts in preserving the state's historic resources."

The grants are funded under the New Jersey Historic Preservation Bond Program which is administered by the New Jersey Historic Trust. The funds are used for the stabilization, restoration and rehabilitation of historic properties. The awards are the third and final round of grants under the 1987 Green Acres, Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Bond

Act. One of the first preservation bond funds of its type in the country, the act provides up to \$22 million in matching grants for "bricks and mortar preservation" projects. With this round, the program has awarded matching grants to 90 historic sites. When complete, the projects will represent an investment of more than \$143 million in New Jersey's historic resources.

The matching grants will aid properties owned by the state, county and local governments, and non-profit organizations. To participate, properties must be listed, or meet criteria for listing, in the State Register of Historic Places. The New Jersey Historic Trust had received 103 applications in preservation projects in every county.

The New Jersey Historic Trust will be announcing the availability of a \$3 million revolving fund this spring. An additional \$25 million in matching grants for historic preservation projects was approved by voters in the 1992 Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act.

Clinton: National service is America at it's best

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"We can do better than that," President Clinton said.

"The National Service Program will allow people to work off outstanding loans and to build up credits for future education and training opportunities," said President Clinton, then he gave audience a list of community service tasks from teaching to helping the police to cleaning up the environment.

President Clinton ended by announcing the Summer of Service, a program where 1,000 students nationally will be selected to do intensive training and volunteer work in their

communities this summer. This program will culminate in a youth service summit where students will share their experiences and broaden the participation. However, he told students not to wait. He told them to think about projects that may help their communities now and let him know "just drop me a card at the White House."

The President challenged students to be "agents of renewal." He said that they can help change America block by block, neighborhood by neighborhood.

"We must return to our roots."

Quoting Dr. Martin Luther King, President Clinton said, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve."

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